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SUBJECT: ENERGY: IEA/SLT MEETING OF MAY 17-18

REF: (A) STATE 105566, (B) STATE 113283 (NOTAL)

1. REPORT IS KEYED TO AGENDA AND CHAIRMAN'S NOTE (REFA).

2. QUESTIONNAIRE: SLT APPROVED THE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 1977 SLT REVIEW OF NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS (IEA/SLT(77)74) WITH MINOR REVISIONS. THE SECRETARIAT WILL INCORPORATE REVISIONS AND DISTRIBUTE THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE BY THE END OF MAY.

3. DATA RETRIEVAL SYSTEM: US GOVERNMENT (FEA - JOHN TREAT) GAVE DEMONSTRATION OF A DATA RETRIEVAL SYSTEM INCLUDING IEA ENERGY BALANCES, SUMMATIONS, PROJECTIONS, AND COMPOUND GROWTH RATES. US OFFERED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SECRETARIAT IN IMPLEMENTING SUCH A SYSTEM. DELEGATES SUPPORTED RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A SYSTEM IN THE SECRETARIAT WITH TWO PROVISOS: (1) NO NEW SUBSTANTIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND (2) COORDINATION WITH EXISTING OECD ENERGY REPORTING TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY REQUESTS.

THE SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING DATA RETRIEVAL SYSTEM FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

4. FINALIZATION OF COUNTRY REPORTS: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, NORWAY, AND GERMANY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL DELEGATES ACCEPTED THE TEXT OF REPORTS WRITTEN ON THEIR COUNTRIES. THE AFOREMENTIONED COUNTRIES HAVE SUGGESTED CHANGES IN REPORTS, PRINCIPALLY FACTUAL RATHER THAN JUDGMENTAL, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE RAPPORTEURS. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO INCORPORATE AGREED UPON CHANGES AND REVISE IEA/GB(77)15 BY THE END OF MAY.

5. STATUS OF COUNTRY REPORTS: DELEGATES WERE NOT ABLE TO RESOLVE WHETHER COUNTRY REPORTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SLT OR INDIVIDUAL RAPPORTEURS. AS A COMPROMISE, DELEGATES AGREED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS "RESULTED FROM THE SLT REVIEW PROCESS", AND WILL BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY COUNTRIES FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN ENERGY PROGRAMS, AND WILL NOT BE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THE MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE. DELEGATIONS INDICATED THAT THE HANDLING OF "INDIVIDUAL LINES OF ACTION" WOULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSED AND AGREED UPON AS PART OF THE PACKAGE FOR THE IEA MINISTERIAL SCHEDULED TO COME UP AT THE JUNE GOVERNING BOARD.

A GENERAL CONSENSUS IS DEVELOPING THAT THE MINISTERIAL PACKAGE SHOULD CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: (A) IEA GROUP OBJECTIVE OF 26 MMBD OF OIL IMPORTS BY 1985; (B) POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO GENERAL LINES OF POLICY ACTION INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNING BOARD CHAIRMAN'S NOTE (SUBJECT TO REVISION); (C) A STATEMENT MADE BY EACH MEMBER GOVERNMENT ON ENERGY POLICIES AND MEASURES PLANNED TO REINFORCE ENERGY PROGRAMS TO ENSURE ATTAINING THE IEA OBJECTIVE; AND (D) A FOLLOW-UP REVIEW PROCESS TO MONITOR PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE GROUP OBJECTIVE.

DELEGATES AGREED THAT MEMBER COUNTRY STATEMENTS OF REINFORCED ENERGY POLICIES FOR THE MINISTERIAL SHOULD NOT BE REVIEWED IN THE SLT.

6. NUCLEAR ISSUES: DELEGATES DID NOT GENERALLY COME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARED FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE NUCLEAR ISSUES OUTLINED IN THE SECRETARIAT NOTE IEA/SLT(77)76.

HERZIG (UK), NUCLEAR SUBGROUP CHAIRMAN, OUTLINED ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LONDON SUPPLIERS GROUP, IAEA, NEA, AND POSSIBLE INITIATIVES RESULTING FROM THE SUMMIT. HE STATED THAT OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT IN NUCLEAR ISSUES DOES NOT PRECLUDE IEA ACTIVITY AND THAT THE ENERGY ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR POWER HAVE NOT RECEIVED SUFFICIENT EMPHASIS. HERZIG INFORMALLY OUTLINED POSSIBLE IEA INVOLVEMENT IN SECURITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, URANIUM RESOURCE AVAILABILITY, AVAILABILITY OF FUEL CYCLE FACILITIES AND SERVICES, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT R&D.

THE US DELEGATE OUTLINED THE ADMINISTRATION'S NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY AND RELATED THIS POLICY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER DRAWING FROM THE NYE SPEECH AND THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM (INFCEP) "POSSIBLE APPROACH" PAPER. THE US PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS IN SECRETARIAT PAPER AS OUTLINED IN REF B.

OTHER DELEGATES WHO VOICED OPINIONS (AUSTRIA, JAPAN, DENMARK, GERMANY, SWEDEN, SPAIN AND CANADA) STATED THAT THE IEA HAS A DEFINITE ROLE TO PLAY IN NUCLEAR ENERGY BUT THAT THE APPROACH AND INVOLVEMENT SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS, WELL-DEFINED, AND AGREED UPON AT THE GOVERNING BOARD LEVEL.

JAPAN SUGGESTED THE IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING INCLUDE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR POWER BUT THIS WAS CON-

SIDERED PREMATURE.

IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, THE SLT CHAIRMAN SAID THE SECRETARIAT PAPER ON NUCLEAR ISSUES WAS DESIGNED TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION ONLY AND HAS NO OFFICIAL STATUS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO RETURN TO THE NUCLEAR QUESTION AT THE NEXT MEETING, CIRCULATE A CHAIRMAN'S NOTE FOR DISCUSSION, AND ASK FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD REGARDING IEA'S ROLE IN NUCLEAR ENERGY.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: THE SECRETARIAT AGREED TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON NATURAL GAS WITH POSSIBLE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT SUBGROUP IN SEPTEMBER. THE NEXT SLT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 6-7. THE SLT AGREED TO DISCUSS THE SECRETARIAT AMALGAMATED PAPER ON REDUCED DEPENDENCE AT THE JUNE MEETING AND FORWARD COMMENTS RESULTING FROM SUCH DISCUSSION TO THE GOVERNING BOARD. VANCE

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